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SUBJ: CIVAIR: NORTH ATLANTIC AIR FARES

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1. ECON/ COMMOFF PASSED CAB COMMENTS RE AERLINTE' S
AIR FARE FILINGS TO GOI CIV AIR DIV ASSISTANT SECRETARY
TOM NALLY.

2. FOLLOWING IS NALLY' S REPLY DATED MARCH 26:

QUOTE I HAD DEFERRED REPLYING TO YOUR LETTER OF 2 ND MARCH,
1973, AND ENCLOSURE ABOUT NORTH ATLANTIC SCHEDULED AIR FARES
BECAUSE OF MOVES WHICH WERE AFOOT IN ECAC TO PROMOTE
AGREEMENT FOLLOWING THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENTS WORKING
BILATERALLY TO REACH FINALITY.

AS YOU ARE AWARE ECAC STATES ADOPTED A RECOMMENDATION
URGING THEIR AIRLINES TO SEEK AGREEMENT WITHIN THE IATA
FRAMEWORK FOR THE COMING SUMMER BASED ON THE STATUS QUO
WITH POSSIBLE CURRENCY ADJUSTMENTS. IATA AIRLINES SINCE
MET IN LONDON AND THERE IS NOW GENERAL AGREEMENT TO MAINTAIN
THE STATUS QUO TO THE END OF THE YEAR WITH CURRENCY ADJUSTMENTS.

IN VIEW OF THE TERMS OF THE ECAC RECOMMENDATION THE
DECISION BY THE IATA AIRLINES CANNOT BE TAKEN AS FULLY
REFLECTING THE INDIVIDUAL VIEWS OF THE AIRLINES MANY OF WHOM,
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INCLUDING AERLINTE, REMAIN CONVINCED OF THE REASONABLENESS OF THEIR OWN PREVIOUS FILINGS. NEITHER AERLINTE NOR OURSELVES WOULD ACCEPT THE STATUS QUO POSITION AS BEING IDEAL AND WE ARE IN NO WAY COMMITTED TO IT FOR THE LONG TERM BUT AT THIS STAGE REGARD IT AS BEING BOTH NECESSARY AND ACCEPTABLE FORORY, COUNTY KERRY, NOW LIVING IN NEW YORK CITY, APPEARS TO BE THE COURIER IN GUN RUNNING OPERATION.

C. MAJOR OF FUNDS TO SUPPORT GUN RUNNING OPERATIONS IS PROVIDED BY THE IRISH NORTHERN AID COMMITTEE (INAC).

D. IRA HAS HAD CONTACT WITH A SAMUEL CUMMINGS IN THE UNITED STATES WHO OPERATES A COMPANY CALLED INTER- ARMS, WITH OUTLETS IN SEVERAL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING VIRGINIA. INTER- ARMS DEALS PRIMARILY IN SECOND HAND WEAPONS. SOURCE FURTHER STATED INTER- ARMS WOULD BE WELL KNOWN TO THE FBI AND CIA.

E. ARMS LEAVE THE UNITED STATES, PORT UNKNOWN, BY SHIP AND MOVE VICINITY OF THE WEST COAST OF IRELAND WHERE THE ARMS ARE TRANSFERRED TO TRAWLERS AND COME IN BELLEEK (5408 N-0909 W) ON THE DONEGAL- FARMANAGH BORDER). TYPES OF WEAPONS HAVING ARRIVED ARE MAINLY NEW ARMALITE RIFLES AR 180, THOMPSON SUBMACHINE GUNS, M-1 RIFLES AND CARBINES. THE SUBMACHINE GUNS, M1 S AND CARBINES WERE USED WEAPONS.

F. IN AN UNRELATED ITEM TO THE ABOVE, SOURCE STATED THAT RPG- U ROCKETS HAD IN THE PAST ARRIVED DIRECTLY INTO DUBLIN. THE SHIPMENT OF RPG-7' S ORIGINATED FROM PALESTINE AND CAME TO DUBLIN VIA LIBYA AND TUNISIA.

COMMENTS:

1. SOURCE FIRST CONTACTED DATT IN SEPTEMBER 1972. WHEN HE MADE AN APPOINTMENT AND SUBSEQUENT BRIEF CALL AT THE EMBASSY. HE PROVIDED NO INFORMATION AT THAT TIME BUT ONLY SAID THAT HE MIGHT HAVE INFORMATION TO PASS ON CONCERNING GUN RUNNING SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE. NOTHING ELSE WAS HEARD OF HIM UNTIL 26 MARCH 1973 WHEN HE
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CALLED FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

2. ON 27 MARCH 1973, SOURCE REFERRED TO A BRIEF TYPE- WRITTEN NOTE DURING OUR CONVERSATION. HE APPEARED TO WANT TO INSURE THAT HE GAVE ONLY AND PRECISELY WHAT WAS CONTAINED IN HIS NOTE.

HE WOULD NEITHER DIVULGE INFORMATION ON WHEN THE ARMS SHIPMENTS HE REFERRED TO WERE MADE NOR IN WHAT QUANTITIES. HE SAID IN DEPARTING DATT' S OFFICE THAT WHEN HE HAD FURTHER INFORMATION OR DETAILS TO REPORT THAT HE WOULD MAKE CONTACT AGAIN. ON TWO OCCASIONS DURING THE CONVERSATION SOURCE SAID THAT HE WAS NOT IN THE " SUPPLY END" OF THE IRA AND THEREFORE DID NOT HAVE SPECIFICS ON LOGISTICS.

3. SOURCE ALLEGES TO HAVE SPENT SOME TIME IN THE UNITED STATES, HOW MUCH AND WHEN WERE NOT GIVEN. HE SPOKE WITH AN AMERICAN ACCENT RATHER THAN IRISH. THE CONSULAR SECTION IN THIS EMBASSY HAS NO FILE ON SOURCE, PHILIP ARMSTRONG OR EILENE SPILLANE.

4. OTHER THAN THE TWO CONTACTS REPORTED IN THIS CABLE, SOURCE IS UNKNOWN TO THIS EMBASSY. THE VALIDITY OF HIS INFORMATION CANNOT BE CONFIRMED LOCALLY. MOORE

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